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ANNIVERSARY OF LESOTHO'S INDEPENDENCE. WE HAVE AD-

MIRED YOUR VALIANT AND COMMENDABLE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND
THOSE OF YOUR PEOPLE DURING THE FIRST DECADE OF INDEPENDENCE
AND ARE PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SUPPORTING
THOSE EFFORTS TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL IN YOUR COUNTRY.
AS LESOTHO ENTERS ITS SECOND DECADE OF INDEPENDENCE, MAY
THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES CONTINUE TO BE STRENGTHENED. AS
YOUR MAJESTY IS WELL AWARE, DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS PROBLEMS
BESET ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORT-

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